

Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Munroe, Superintendent of the City, February 23, 1806, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Thomas Munroe.

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Sir

I return you the inclosed proclamation, & to avoid an innovation which might produce uneasiness, I believe it will be best to continue it in it's usual form.

With respect to inclosures, so long as the former proprietors keep up an inclosure, & the streets in it are not pressingly wanted for the public, we will permit them to remain, but whenever the owner has once taken away his inclosure, we must never permit it to be put up again, except in squares, leaving all the streets open. by attending strictly to this we may in time get the whole site of the city cleared of the right of occupation. Accept my salutations.

Th: Jefferson.

[*Letters of the Presidents of the U. S. to the Commissioners of Public Buildings and Grounds*, original in the Manuscripts Division, Library of Congress, photostat in the National Archives.]